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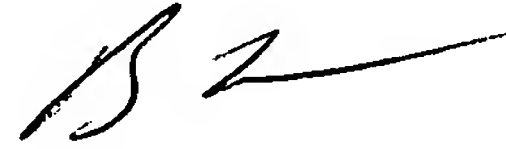
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- ☒ 2. An Office Action was issued in a counterpart foreign or international application. An original and English language version of the Office Action are attached as Reference 1. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.

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	1	April 19, 2011 Office Action in Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-027377 (with English translation).

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